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ARTS SENIORS HELD DINNER; BIG SUCCESS

Five Returned Men Guests of Evening.

TWENTY-ONE PRESENT.

Witty Papers by Levy and Klineberg; "Community" Singing by Stuart.

The class of Arts '19, have, during its four years at college held many enjoyable social events, but the one of last evening at the Edinburgh Cafe surpassed them all. This was a dinner, held for the double purpose of a class re-union and a welcome back to the class of those men who have been overseas. The returned men present as guests of the evening were Messrs. Silver, Stillwell, Shaver, McClean and Donald.

Festivities opened at 7.30 p.m. with the president of the class, B. N. Noltham, presiding. The menu provided was most excellent in every respect, as might be seen by the hearty manner in which all present indulged. During the dinner, stories and conversation passed to and fro. The most frequent exclamation "Don't you remember," was often heard amid the noise and din, followed by some little episode or event of by-gone days or days spent while on service. After all had done ample justice to the "eats," the Chairman arose to propose the first toast of the evening —The King—This was followed by the National Anthem. Smokes were then passed around, chairs pushed back, and the real entertainment of the evening began.

The next toast of the evening was to Alma Mater, proposed by A. I. Smith and most fittingly responded to by Grier. Then followed the principal toast, the toast to "Our Guests," proposed by A. S. Noad, responded to by P. A. G. Silver, after which each of the guests were called upon to say a few words. All lamented the fact that they were not speech makers and then proceeded to disprove the fact by entertaining their classmates with most interesting and witty accounts of their experiences.

The Chairman then introduced the next speaker as the "scholar and orator of the class." Mr. Levy then rose with the intention of justifying his introduction, and this he did by reading a most entertaining and clever paper on "Democratization of Education."

John Ritchie was next called upon and responded with one of his usual witty and entertaining stories. Then followed the toast to "The Ladies," proposed by Grant Smart and responded to by McGibbon. Klineberg was next called upon. His paper, like Levy's, was indeed a treat. It was a poem, "Elegy written in a College Graveyard" (composed in the year 1999 A.D.) in which the "poet" recorded the death of various members of the class, together with the causes thereof. "Sammy" Stuart then proceeded to give an example of his art of impersonation by singing a well-known McGill air.

The last toast of the evening was proposed by Fitzgerald, who in well-chosen words spoke of the great game the boys overseas have been playing, and what a great debt we owe to them. This was responded to by E. S. Mills, who in concluding, asked for a silent toast to the boys who have "gone West."

The evening was brought to a close by a hearty McGill yell, after which the gathering dispersed, one and all voting the event a success in every way.

AFTER WAR PROBLEM OF CHEMICAL PLANTS.

Continued employment of present facilities along the lines for which they were designed, and with which the staffs are familiar, rather than the expensive conversion of chemical plants to other lines of industrial activity, is one of the chief problems facing the American chemist now, according to H. E. Howe of the American Chemical Society.

The chemist is now studying the answers to the question, what is to be done with benzene and toluene, with sodium caustic and chlorine, with the equipment used in making picric acid, T.N.T., and similar war products?

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WHAT'S ON

To-day.

7.30-8.30 p.m.—Boxing Practice in the Union.

Coming.

Dec. 21—Last Day of Lectures.
Jan. 2—Lectures resumed in all Faculties.

R.V.C. TEAMS WERE DOUBLY VICTORIOUS

Senior Team Beat Out Macdonald by 22—14.

SECONDS ALSO WON.

McGill Yell from R.V.C. Players Demoralized Opponents—Good Team Work.

Wednesday evening at Macdonald College two very exciting basketball matches were played between R.V.C. and Macdonald teams, R.V.C. being the victor in both cases. Miss Cartwright and Mr. Thomson kindly acted as referees.

The R.V.C. teams and rooters left Montreal at 5 o'clock. On their arrival at Macdonald the teams were conducted to the college, while the rooters retired to Mrs. Wright's for refreshments before beginning the real business of the evening.

At 6.45, the Macdonald and R.V.C. second teams were called out and the game began.

There was some good team work exhibited on both sides, though there was a tendency to crowd on the ball. The R.V.C. centre line did excellent work. At the end of the first half the score stood 9—5 in favour of R.V.C.

The first teams then made their appearance, the R.V.C. team giving the McGill yell before beginning the game. The playing was fast and both teams did some excellent passing, the swiftness of Macdonald being especially noticeable. There were a good many fouls made, especially by Macdonald. When time was called the score stood 10—9 in favour of R.V.C.

The second teams then took the floor again, and each side played its best. On the R.V.C. team Hope McIntosh as wing and Leslie Cruickshank as defence did excellent work. The forwards played well, but seemed to have been tired by the play of the first half. When the whistle blew for time R.V.C. led by a score of 21—9.

The first teams again lined up, every member on both sides determined to fight to the finish. Good team work was exhibited and also some brilliant individual play. Every girl played up well. J. Spier, who was referred to as "the one-handed wonder" by a staunch upholder of Macdonald, was conspicuous as a forward as was also Eva Ross, and Ruth Rogers and Queenie Savage both starred on the defence. In fact, every member of the team deserves special mention for the excellence of their play. The final score was 22—14.

The teams of both Macdonald and R.V.C. were well supported by rooters. Macdonald naturally had the majority, but there seemed to be a goodly number in their midst quite willing to help out R.V.C. in their cheering. The line-ups of the teams were as follows:

R.V.C.	First Teams.	Macdonald.
G. Moody	Centre	P. Abbott
R. Salomon	Wings	A. Mackenzie
G. Craig	„	L. Darling
E. Ross	Forwards	M. Graham
J. Spier	„	M. Malby
R. Rogers	Guards	V. Eakin
A. Savage	„	M. Taylor

Second Team.

M. Fry	Centre	E. Collett
H. McIntosh	Wings	J. Ness
K. Godwin	„	H. Walsh
E. Abbott	Forwards	M. Pitman
M. Goddard	„	A. Rosovitch
H. Nichol	Guards	K. Milligan
L. Cruickshank	„	B. Cookson

After the games were over the R.V.C. teams and rooters retired to the tank where they enjoyed a swim and gave an exhibition of diving—fancy and otherwise. Then they departed in good time for the train. Everyone agreed that the evening spent at Macdonald had been most enjoyable.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED BY COUNCIL

Capt. Wm. Nicholson, M.C., New "Daily" President.

MEMBERS RETIRE.

Numerous Items of Business Discussed by Council.

A meeting of the Students' Council was held yesterday afternoon, in the Union. It was the occasion for the introduction of new members, and in addition to the president, Ross Laing, Ross, Greene, McLellan, Heney, Smith and Kennedy, representing the old Council, there were in attendance Nicholson, Windsor and O'Brien, the new members respectively from Law, Science and Arts, as well as the president-elect of the Union, McCrimmon.

After a more or less general introduction of the councillors-elect, the business of the meeting was proceeded with. The president, Ross Laing, first submitted the question of fixing the date for the next informal dance. With due consideration with regard to the mid-term examinations in February, it was deemed advisable to hold the next of these events on Friday, the 10th of January, thus leaving an interval between it and the commencement of the examinations. The following were appointed to act as a committee to take charge of the arrangements: Ross Laing, McCrimmon, Green and Mouquin.

The next item of business to come to the attention of the Council was that of appointing a successor to A. I. Smith, whose term of office as President of the "Daily" expires with the close of the present year.

Capt. W. Nicholson, M.C., was unanimously elected to this position. Nicholson had previous connection with the "Daily," and formerly occupied the office of President of the College publication. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president for his services during his term of office.

The President then read a letter from the Orchestra Club, which is at present in the process of re-organization, requesting an allowance of $75.00 for the purchase of music and so forth. As a means of starting the organization, the Council voted the sum of $35.00, with the proviso that a further appropriation would be later considered, if desired.

A letter, submitted by H. Mouquin, president of the B., W. & F. Club, was also read. It comprised an estimate of the amount of funds necessary for the purposes of the newly re-organized club. The engagement of Mr. George Smith was sanctioned by the Council, and $200.00 was set apart for the use of the B., W. & F. Club.

The secretary was authorized to communicate with Mr. Frank Shaughnessy, former coach of the McGill Senior Football team, with a view to securing his services for the football season next year.

The question of appointing a manager for the Senior Hockey team was also discussed, with the result that J. P. Gilhooley was unanimously elected to this position.

There being no further business for immediate settlement, the meeting then adjourned.

RECORDING THE HISTORY OF THE WAR

It is one of the duties of the Archives Department of the Government service to record the history of the war. The Government as early as 1914 appointed an official eye-witness, Lord Beaverbrook, then Sir Max Aitkin, who was designated to follow the troops in the field and to write despatches as to their operations. Thus from the arrival of the Canadian troops in France the country was periodically informed as to the movements of our contingents. These despatches of the Canadian army were later collected in books, such as "Canada in Flanders," which brought to every one the immediate story of the war.

It is not the duty of a government to write history, but to collect and gather together the documents which may afterwards be placed at the disposal of the historian. Under the impulse of Lord Beaverbrook, the office of "eye-witness" grew and developed. In addition to sending out periodical despatches, it became the depository of all military documents orders, reports, plans, maps, photo-

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THE INTERCOLLEGIATE HOCKEY SITUATION.

The following despatch, which appears in the Toronto Globe, and is reprinted in the "Varsity," the undergraduate organ of Toronto University, has brought the question of intercollegiate hockey into prominence once more. The Sporting Editor of the "Varsity" interviewed the Secretary of the Athletic Directorate of the College with regard to the despatch, which was dated December 13th, with the result that the Secretary denied that there was any truth in it.

"It is announced at Queen's that the University of Toronto has now broached the subject of a senior intercollegiate hockey series. About a month ago negotiations were commenced with a view to re-establishing intercollegiate hockey, and both Queen's and McGill were strongly in favour of arranging a senior series, but owing to lack of co-operation on the part of the U. of T. the matter was dropped without any definite action being taken.

Toronto has now come forward with a request to Queen's that the series be arranged. In the meantime Queen's entered its senior intercollegiate team in the intermediate O.H.A. series and is not in a position to enter a team for intercollegiate hockey also. As applications for a place in the O.H.A. had to be in the hands of the Secretary of that organization by Thursday evening it is now too late for Queen's to back out in favour of an intercollegiate series. The students are devoting their energies to their junior and intermediate O.H.A. series."

Should there prove to be any foundation for this report, it would appear that Varsity has been a little late in coming to a decision. We do not wish to do her an injustice, but it is only natural to assume that athletic authorities have been reconsidering their previous announcement to the effect that in spite of the vigorous support given the proposed revival of the Intercollegiate League by Queen's and McGill, Toronto could not see her way clear to join in the project. There is no doubt that this decision arrived at by Varsity was a big disappointment to both the other colleges, and in particular to McGill, for at the time it appeared quite likely that the Red and White team would not figure in the City League series.

Now, however, that participation in the local league is assured, and that Queen's has taken the step of applying for a place in the O.H.A., it does not appear possible for the Intercollegiate League to operate this winter. As the matter now stands, it is doubtful if this would be even advisable. In any case, we at McGill may feel gratified that our College was the prime mover in the revival of intercollegiate activity, and that it was through no fault of ours that the arrangements fell through.

Next year will undoubtedly see the operation of a league comprised of teams from the larger Canadian universities, and time will have been given for them to put their full strength upon the ice. Under these circumstances we may go ahead in support of the team playing in the City League, feeling that to a certain extent this is to be a preparation for the keener fight to be made next year.

BEING LATE TO LECTURES.

It might appear upon casual observation that the art of being late to lectures is of comparatively easy attainment, but in reality it requires considerable finesse. It cannot be said that this is an art altogether neglected by our College Students, but it must be confessed that all have not gained the same proficiency in it. The really skilful dallier saunters up the Campus at some few minutes after the hour, carelessly holding a lecture book and affecting a look of artless intelligence. Some of those who find this latter feat practically impossible, approximate the effect by the wearing of glasses. This leisurely walk is continued till the lecture hall is reached. There, the inexperienced loiterer would probably find that his watch had been fast and that there was still plenty of time before the lecture. But the skilful make no such fatal mistakes. When reputation hangs thus in the balance, it is imperative that no false step be made!

The art of entering the lecture room also requires some nicety of performance. The unsophisticated would doubtless enter hastily, simulating great breathlessness; those more experienced never commit this mistake. Thoughtfully considering the professor's feelings, these enter noiselessly and with languor. Then softly closing the door behind them, they survey the assembled class with a look of pain and reproach, delicately suggesting that the lecture has been commenced with indecent haste. Then slowly threading the class, they place themselves at the back of the room and occupy a few moments in the arrangement of their papers before adopting a forgiving attitude and registering a look of intense interest in the lecture. (As a slight digression it might be remarked that the absolute intensity of the look of interest affected by the Student customarily varies in inverse proportion to his distance from the lecturer.) This look of intense interest is retained till the close of the lecture; the Student, meanwhile, occupying himself with what the uninitiated might imagine were lecture notes but which upon inspection proves to be amateur artistic reproductions of the professor and class.

Similarly the skilled show no unseemly haste in leaving the lecture room after the hour. If they did they might accidentally be on time for the next. The scattered papers must be gathered again before the room is left and a leisurely progress made toward the next hall of learning.

Outraged Nature Weeps

I.

It was high noon; the sun, that queen of lights
Was giving forth her streams of purest gold;
No angry storm clouds now patrolled the heights,
All nature seemed at peace and well controlled.

II.

The bashful blue-bells now looked up and smiled;
The leaves of modest elm seemed too as gay;
The roses fair and daisies growing wild
All wept for joy; then sang their mid-day lay.

III.

The very stones looked peaceful and serene,
Their tiny eyes filled with reflected light,
Appeared to speak the peace that reigned between
The Great Divine and the product of His might.

IV.

The brook nearby though restless in the Spring,
Was uncomplaining now, as on it rolled
To join the ocean vast and there to sing,
With sister streams 'ne ath one great glassy fold.

V.

The music of a thousand birds of song,
Arose from tree, from rose-bush and from vine;
All sang as though some great and long-borne wrong
Had been at last re-dressed by Hand Divine.

VI.

The baby frogs impatient for the night,
When wont to raise their voices to the stars,
At mid-day start to croak with all their might,
Each heedless of the war approved by Mars

VII.

The tinkling of the cow-bell on the green,
And head when moved to scare the pesting fly,
Is all the sign of life that's heard or seen,
From peaceful kine as there they calmly lie.

VIII.

The nimble lambs are gamboling on the hill;
The parent sheep look on with gladsome eye,
And ever watch lest canine foe should kill
Their offspring dear when they'd not hear their cry.

IX.

The neighing of the brood-mare for her foal
Rang through the air; it had no note of fear;
What words they said will ne'er to us be told,
As off they trot as lightly as the deer.

X.

That Faunus had been kind to flocks and herds,
That Zeus above had given plenty rains,
One look around did prove; too few are words
To paint the picture of such fruitful plains.

XI.

The honey-bees were basking in the sun.
So also were a thousand other forms
Of insect life; their brief days just begun;
Would ere long close and yet not one now mourns.

XII.

They all would soon depart, would soon return
To mother-earth to live again in bees,
In others of the infant world, in fern,
In grasses green, in grape-vine and in trees.

XIII.

Some e'en that day did make the food of hen,
As merrily she scratched for her young brood;
The turkey-cock with stately stride from pen
Now goes; he too doth seek them for his food.

XIV.

The thistle-down by gentle zephyrs fanned
Was dancing in mid-air to lively tunes;
It tired not, though much it loved the land,
It chooses now to soar with air for plumes.

XV.

In homes near-by the noon meal had been spread;
The inmates all did bow their heads in prayer,
To thank the God who gave them daily bread;
And to commit their souls unto His care.

XVI.

On beam now rests the scythe that cut the hay;
A respite there would be till golden corn,
Would beckon it to come, and to it say,
"Come reap me now for it is harvest morn!"

XVII.

The harvest time would come, but ere it should,
Kind mother earth would grieve for human sleta;
And nature now so calm, so kind and good,
Would mourn that man should cause such loss and pain.

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A LETTER.

States of United,
2, 3, 4, 5.

Mine Dear Cousin Fritz,—I now take up my pen and ink in hand and rite you mit a lead pencil. Ve no longer live vhere ve used to—ve live vhere ve have mofed. I hate to tell you that your dear old aunt vat you luffed so vell is dead. She died of New Monia, on New Year's Day, in New Orleans. You know she luffed new things so vell. Some people think she had population from de heart. The doctor gave up all hope of saving her after she died. Her "breathe" all leaked out. She leaves a family of two cows and two sons.

Old Mrs. Offer Block is very sick. She is just about at death's door. The doctor thinks he can pull her thru. She has such a nice little boy—he is just like a human beast. I took him up to the hospital to see the sick folks. Ve had a lufly time. Your brudder Gus took our dog, Fido, down to the saw mill to have a fight. He ran up against one of those big circular saws and only lasted one round. All the Grossbeak family have the mumps—and are having a swell time. I am sending you your black coat by express. To save extra expense, I cut off the buttons; you'll find them in the insidt pocket.

Mudder is making sausages. The neighbour is looking for his dog. Your uncle says if you don't pay him that forty cents you owe him, he'll cut off your head and throw it in your face. Ve sent Mamie over to the butcher's to see if he had pigs' feet. She came back and said she didn't know; the butcher had his boots on. Am now going to college, getting real smart. Learning electrocution and physical torture. Going to be a real stingy grafter, too. Pat Mulligan had been sick for some time. He went to see the doctor. The doctor told him to take something. Pat went out and met Ikey Cohen and took his watch. They had Pat arrested and got the case. Pat got the works. Ve are having a little more weather this year than last. Since starting this letter I just heard that they performed an operation on old Mrs. Offher Block in the City Hospital. But she died. There is an awful lot of people dying round here that never died before.

How, how I wish ve vere closer apart. I have been lonesome since ve vere separated together. Your brudder is getting on fine with the smallpox and hopes this finds you the same. Fadder vent down to the barber's to have his vhiskers pushed in. He forgot his money and the barber pushed his face in.

Hoping you vill rotten soon, I am,
Your luffing and adorable cousin,
Fritz Schneiderback.

P.X.—Have just received that 5 bucks I owe you, but as this letter is all sealed up, I can't get it in.—F. S.

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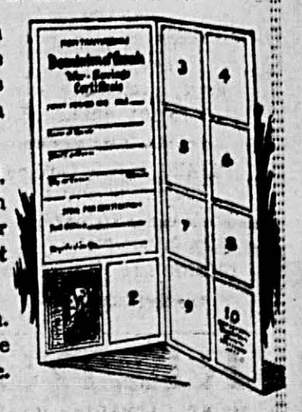

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Outraged Nature Weeps

(Continued from Page 2.)

XVIII.
Relentless oceans would receive more dead;
Their waters deep resound with cannon's roar;
Their depths disturbed by guns with bullets fed;
Their surface stained and marred by guiltless gore.

XIX.
The reaping time would come but ere the scythe
Should answer to its call and do its task,
Machines with wings that seem so much alive,
Would swoop and kill ere man forgiveness ask.

XX.
These winged things,—more like a fiend than bird,
Would frighten nature's choir from off their throne;
And in the place of music would be heard
The bursting of the bombs and orphan's moan.

XXI.
And too, ere golden grain should yield to blade,
From coast to coast and cross the briny deep,
The news of war and Austro-German raid
On Belgium's soil would cause the strongest weep.

XXII.
The beating of the drum the clash of steel,
The tramp of horses' feet, the bugle call,
Would tell to men of pain they soon would feel,
When they'd resist the Hun who would enthrall.

XXIII.
Would strife appear that day to mar the view,
Would birds sing on as though they sang at feast,
Would insects chirp e'en though their days be few,
Would sun go down and leave the world at peace?

XXIV.
Would petals close their eyes that eventide,
Mid songs of "peace on earth good will toward men,"
Would earthly choirs sing, "Lord with me abide,"
And let hate reign ere morn where praise had been?

XXV.
Would thankful farmers go to rest that night,
To wake at dawn to march to sound of drum,
And forth to go to battle for the right,
And die on foreign soil by hand of Hun?

XXVI.
The sun moved on; the cattle rose to feed;
The lambs on hill grew tired of their play;
The barn-yard fowl had satisfied its need;
The insects chirped—they had not long to stay.

XXVII.
From pond arose the same sounds as before;
The feathered creatures sang as lively still;
The brook that long had ceased to grumble more,
Flowed calmly on, its mission to fulfil.

XXVIII.
The dinner o'er, the good wife worked and sang;
The children played in yard; they had no care;
Far out upon the air their voices rang,
And reached the field where grazed the colt and mare.

XXIX.
The flowers, sweet, unselfish as the sun,
Would ere long bid their friends a kind good-night;
All day they breathed on each and every one;
Their perfumes gave to wrong as well as right.

XXX.
They'd bid a kind good-night to sun and man,
But earlier than wont to do before;
In distant east small clouds together ran;
Already could be heard the winds faint roar.

XXXI.
The clouds come on with ever quickening pace,
And nearer as they come increase in size;
Each one doth seem to try to win the race,
As though it ran for fame and laurel prize.

XXXII.
They now here, and blacker, blacker grow;
The winds retreat and soon are heard no more;
The burdens great make heads of clouds hang low,
So low they almost touch fair nature's floor.

XXXIII.
The golden beams are hidden now from sight;
In pond, in tree, in barn-yard all is still;
The kine come home, each thinking it is night;
The sheep now rest 'neath crag at foot of hill.

XXXIV.
The fields and air are silent as the dumb;
The laughter in the yard has died away;
The mare and foal from field together come,
They too now think has come the close of day.

XXXV.
Ye harbingers of rain! Why now so sad,
Why now so gloomy look, why bowed heads,
Have ye a vision seen of mortals glad,
Who are so soon to rest on sick men's beds?

XXXVI.
Behind the future curtain, have ye seen
Great armies on the march who'll win or die?
Have ye before seen wars and what they mean,
That thus ye grieve when pain's too great to cry?

XXXVII.
Have ye seen slain of millions half a score,
The strongest, truest, noblest and the best?
And rivers new made up of brave men's gore,
With naught to mark the spot where loved ones rest?

XXXVIII.
And have ye heard in countless homes the wail
Of orphans dying for the want of care,
And widows seen who are from watchings pale,
And have ye heard their oft repeated prayer?

XXXIX.
The sympathetic clouds, like heart of man,
When overcome with grief, could find no tongue;
But down their cheeks great tears already ran,
While voice was still which had that morning sung.

XL.
The big round drops came trickling down to earth
Where all was still e'en to the worm that creeps;
And there on ground where all that morn was mirth,
A silence reigns, for nature sad, now weeps.

S. K. CLARK, Med. '21.

NOTICES

Lost.
On Saturday last in the Department of Zoology, a fawn coloured woollen scarf. Will finder kindly leave same with the Porter of the Union.

Boxing Practice.
There will be a boxing practice of the B., W. and F. at the Union, to-night from 7.30 to 8.30. All interested are asked to turn out.

Hockey Practices.
All men living in town interested in Senior Hockey are requested to attend hockey practices which may be held. Information in this connection will appear in the Gazette from time to time during the vacation.

SCISSORED SENTIMENT

Knox—Knox is practically assured of having an Officers' Reserve Training Camp. If men at Knox will enter a corps is to be established reads a communication from the War Department to the college authorities. More than 150 immediately signed up for the organization and as soon as the details are completed the military work will begin.

Wisconsin—Eight o'clocks—lectures and regular quizzes will be the University of Wisconsin's methods of celebrating New Year's day this year if the present faculty schedule remains unchanged. For the first time in the history of the institution New Year's eve celebration will be cut short by the 10 o'clock Student Government association rule. Registration for the second quarter will be on Monday, Dec. 30, and classes will start the following day. As soon as the S.A.T.C. is disbanded all fraternities are planning to return to their houses. Whether the women's dormitories will be ready by the first of the year is still improbable. The marines and S.A.T.C. have been quartered in the women's dorms since Sept. 1.

Iowa—Iowa University has again put a tight clamp on outside activities because of the recurrence of influenza. All public gatherings and dances are to be abandoned for the present. The situation is not yet serious and the strict observance of restrictions is to prevent another epidemic.

Washington—The University of Washington through its administration department, has established a system of visiting nurses for the women of the school. The object of this system is to supervise the health of the woman students. All cases of illness—no matter how trivial—are to be reported and will be looked into by the nurse in charge.

Missouri—Plans for a memorial to the students of the University of Missouri who have represented the school in the world war are being drawn up. Three ideas of Horace Major of the department of landscape gardening are being considered by the memorial committee. The first is two bronze doors to replace the wooden ones now in the gate posts at the main campus entrance. A second is that a statue be placed in front of the gymnasium portraying a life-size bronze Indian—his left hand raised high in the peace signal—his right arm extended in welcome to the returning heroes. The third idea is for a gate to be placed at another entrance to the campus.

Boston Tech.—The new year will see a rejuvenation of Technology's traditional activities. The military and naval units are disbanding and the announcement of on with "activities" has come as publicity matter to get the men to return to college. All of the old organizations are expected to take part in the institute life. The annual Tech show is being rehearsed and Technique 1920—the annual year book will be published as usual during Junior week. The musical clubs are proving themselves among the most active organizations and are wasting no time in getting started. More men are showing up for the athletic teams as results of the recent publicity campaign on "stick in school."

Oregon—For the third time this season, the Oregon football squad lost their entire outfit in transit. Recently the team made the trip to play Washington. The expressman had forgotten to put their trunks on the "northbound." Consequently, Oregon played the entire game in naval aviators' togs. Now that the football season is over, the eleven has about fifteen new football suits that have hardly been soiled—all because Uncle Sam's express company "forgot to put on the trunks" for three consecutive times.

Missouri—Upon recommendation of the board of health of Columbia and the university health committee, the University of Missouri was closed at 4 o'clock, Dec. 6, until the opening of the winter term on Dec. 30. There were no finals and students were graded on their class attendance.

R. V. C. NOTES

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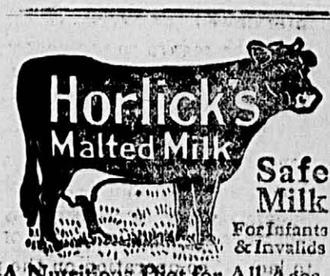

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2. Andante contabile.
3. Valse.
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(a) Causerie (Etude) Op 40, No. 6 .. .. C. Cui.
(b) Gardins sous la plouie. .. .. C. Dehussy.
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Mrs. Newton.

Violin Solo—Concerto Romantique.. .. .. .. Godard.
(a) Allegretto Moderato.
(b) Adagio.
Miss Audrey Cook.

Symphonic Poem—Danse Macabre, op 40 ..... Saint-Saens

Song—Land of the Sky Blue Water ..... Cadman.
Daffodils a Blowing..... .....Edward German
Miss Hazel Leach.

Deux March Militaires ..... Schubert
The Orchestra.

The first item of the programme was in four parts and the composer's wonderful power of orchestration was shown throughout the four movements. The skilful interweaving of the first subject throughout the whole composition is the distinctive feature of this symphony. Mrs. Newton showed wonderful technique and interpretation in the two selections. Miss Audrey Cook held the audience spellbound with her clever execution of the Concerto, and her double-stopping and clear treble notes showed her to be a master of her instrument. The Symphonic Poem was so descriptive that rattling of bones and spirits were easily imagined. As an eminent critic has remarked: "It is an illustration, not a translation, of the programme; far from being a terrifying sermon such as the artists of mediaeval and later times delighted in painting, it is a "Jeu d'esprit" in spite of the rattling bones; strangely piquant, not repellently gruesome." The song showed the lyric ability of the performer and gave a lively atmosphere to the audience after the preceding number.

The last number of the programme is suggested by the name of the composition, and composer.

The enjoyable concert closed with the National Anthem.

WHAT NELSON HAS GIVEN THE WORLD.

At a time when the eyes of the entire world have been fixed on the greatest naval surrender in history, it is only fitting that we should recall Lord Nelson's legacy to the British fleet, and subsequently to the world. In this great war of nearly four and a half years, the celebrated signal, "England expects that every man will do his duty," has permeated the consciousness of the entire British people. How well that duty has been done we all know to-day. But for that great, silent power victory would have been impossible. America could not have even become a factor in the war. Her splendid help in food and munitions, her gallant men, could not have reached Europe.

The Grand Fleet to-day owes much, perhaps all, to the high standard of honour and efficiency set by Lord Nelson. He was a man who loved peace, but would not sacrifice "one jot of England's honour to avoid war." It is true that the hero of Trafalgar was no meddler in politics, yet he did make one insignificant, if little known, speech in the House of Lords on Nov. 16, 1802.

"I, my lords, have in different countries seen much of the miseries of war," he said. "I am, therefore, in my inmost soul a man of peace. Yet I would not, for the sake of any peace, however fortunate, consent to sacrifice one jot of England's honour. Our honour is inseparably combined with our genuine interest. Hitherto there has been nothing greater known on the Continent than the faith, the untainted honour, the generous public sympathies, the commerce, the unconquerable valour of the British nation. Wherever I have served in foreign countries I have witnessed these to be sentiments with which Britons were regarded. The advantages of such a reputation are not to be lightly brought into hazard.

"I, for one, rejoice that His Majesty has signified his intention to pay due regard to the connection between the interests of this country and the preservation of the liberties of Europe. It is satisfactory to know that the preparations to maintain our dignity in peace are not to be neglected. Those supplies which His Majesty shall for such purposes demand his people will most earnestly grant.

"The nation is satisfied that the government seeks in peace or war no interest separate from that of the people at large; and as the nation was pleased with the sincere spirit of peace with which the late treaty was negotiated, so, now that a restless and unjust ambition in those with whom we desired sincere amity has given a new alarm, the country will rather prompt the government to assert its honour than need to be roused to such measures of vigorous defence as the exigency of the times may require."

The romantic life of Nelson is well-known. There are hundreds of stories in connection with him. Who does not remember the ride to school with his elder brother in a snowstorm when their father had left it to their honour not to turn back unless the roads were impassable? And the elder brother was all for turning back but for Horatio's reminder that "it was left to our honour" to continue the journey if it was humanly possible to do so.

At Portsmouth one may see the very place on the beach where the greatest of England's heroes embarked to join the Victory riding at anchor in the bay. An anchor marks the spot. One pictures no splendid insolent figure, but a small and queer man taking leave of the land he loved so well.

Nelson's last prayer, written in the little cabin, a few hours before going into action lets us completely into his innermost heart.

"May the great God whom I worship grant to my country and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory; and may no misconduct in anyone tarnish it; and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British fleet! For myself, individually, I commit my life to Him who made me, and may His blessing light upon my endeavours for serving my country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is intrusted to me to defend. Amen! Amen! Amen!"

A great prayer, and one which lives quite unconsciously in the heart of every sailor in the British fleet. The Nelson touch, the Nelson honour and the Nelson duty permeates the fleet of England possibly even to a larger extent to-day, than when Trafalgar was fought. Where is it better exemplified than by the heroism of the boy, John Travers Cornwell of His Majesty's ship Chester, in the Battle of Jutland, who, when all the crew of his gun were killed or disabled, although mortally wounded himself, stood at his post with the telephone awaiting orders till the end of the action. He was mentioned by Jellicoe in his account of the battle, and received the Victoria Cross. Only a boy of 16, but he did his duty, and England will not forget.

There is a story told in connection with Nelson's passing that is not generally known. In all previous actions in which he had taken part, his servant had always taken the precaution to hide his medals and orders, knowing, as he did, the admiral's love of display on such occasions. Now it happened on the morning of Trafalgar, Nelson's servant was unable to adopt the ordinary precautions. When the admiral appeared on the quarter-deck, those who saw him were astonished to see the profusion of orders that covered his breast. There was certainly no mistaking the Admiral of the British fleet. Whether or no this was a mark for the French gunner who fired at him from the yard top, is not a matter of certain history. Nevertheless, Nelson's servant always maintained that had he only hidden his master's medals, Nelson's life would have been spared.

Nearly three months after the declaration of war, on Oct. 21, 1914, Trafalgar Day, the present writer happened to be in London. The people had been asked to pass silently through Trafalgar Square at the same period of the day as a tribute to the great Nelson. It was a happy thought that suggested this form of commemoration. All day long great crowds of people passed silently through the square, only pausing to look at the wreaths at the foot of the Nelson Column.

In these first days of the great war England was expecting the German fleet to come out Her fate, the fate of the whole world, depended on a naval victory. Men were rushing in thousands to enlist, but her great army of to-day was not yet in existence. The Old Contemptibles were gallantly fighting against tremendous odds in France. If the German Navy had broken through there was no army in England that could have stopped an invasion.

As those thousands of serious upturned faces gazed at the little bronze figure so far above them, instinctively many must have felt that that great multitude was silently pledging itself to do its duty, no matter how great the cost. Perhaps it is not realized that the Royal Navy has lost 3508 officers and 36,258 men.

To-day in the hour of victory we must not lose sight of the incessant work of the mercantile marine, without whom the war could not have continued for a single day.

AFTER WAR PROBLEM OF CHEMICAL PLANTS.

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Mr. Howe says that benzene is now being produced at the rate of 60,000,000 gallons annually, and it may be found possible to use it, along with surplus alcohol, legislation willing, and gasoline to conserve the resources of motor fuel. Then, too, depending on price, benzene and toluene may become more extensively used as solvents. Acetone will be sufficiently plentiful to make it a cheaper solvent than before the war. The American industry may now obtain the toluene desired for important new colours not recently on the market, while the abundance of various raw materials should help in bringing dye prices down to a point permitting competition with the German article the world over.

"It is to be hoped," says Mr. Howe, "that uses for caustic, chlorine, etc., may be found such as to permit continued large scale production and lowered prices, which should encourage experiments looking to new applications. Estimates based upon the acid phosphate fertilizer used in some of the progressive states indicate that a similar demand from all our farms requiring such fertilizer would mean the continuation of our sulphuric acid industry on its present gigantic scale.

"It seems clear that some poisonous gases may become reagents on a manufacturing scale now that they may be had in quantity cheaply. One gas formerly costing $1.50 per pound has been made for 10 cents and that means chemists can consider it for industrial application. Phosgene is known to give excellent reduction of iron oxide, while not attacking pure iron. It has already been used to purify sand required for high-grade optical glass."

GOOD EERCISE.

"The professor is absent-minded. Why don't you tell him that he is walking around in a revolving door?" "Let him walk around for a half-hour. He needs exercise."

THEY WILL DO IT.

"I see ye have a new hired man, Ezry. How is he doing?" "Resting considerable easier than the other one did, thank ye!" a trifle grimly replied honest Farmer Hornbeak.

McFadden — "Phat koind of cake was that yez sent wid me dinner this mornin, Rosy?"

Rosy — "That was pound cage, Jerry."

McFadden — "Pound cake, is it? Faith, then, be the way it felt all the afternoon I thought it was a ton."

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RECORDING THE HISTORY OF THE WAR.

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graphs, etc. To these archives proper were soon added subsidiary collections. There were gathered together films of the troops in training camps and in the field; sets of regimental badges; drawings of battalion colours; plans and sketches of hospitals and camps, etc. In addition to these, a number of artists were commissioned to paint portraits of Canadian generals and some of the most important battle scenes, and also to make sketches of the most noted historic places. Thus, day by day, archives of military operations were formed, upon which future historians will be able to draw freely.

History of Canada's Units.

In 1916, as a preliminary work to the receiving and classifying of these war documents at the conclusion of peace, the Government decided to make a survey of all the military, financial, and economic activities of Canada and the provinces in the world's conflict. Under the direction of Lieut.-Col. A. G. Doughty C.M.G., a commission was entrusted with this work. The European section as sent to England and France, and after several months' work returned with a series of reports, comprising in all some fifteen volumes, which are now deposited in the Archives building at Ottawa. These contain reports upon each military unit and administrative department, describing the creation, composition and work of each, with the different classes of documents and their destination.

While these reports are of necessity of unequal value, yet they furnish, none the less, an extremely precious compilation, covering the whole field of military participation—the actual operations in the field excepted. Some parts of it are practically complete. The story of the financial branches, the medical service, and the training system, among others, form absolute chapters in themselves. The whole forms a unique synthesis, while it brings together a mine of valuable information, which must be gathered now, if not to be lost forever. There, beginning with the departure from Valcartier, the movement and continued effort of Canadian troops may be followed. There may be found the particular story of each service, offering the essential material for the historian.

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FRESHMEN BARRED FROM FOOTBALL.

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The latter clause refers to the one-year residence requirement and to the stipulated number of scholarship "credits" or "majors" which a freshman must secure in his first college year, to be eligible for varsity sports when a sophomore. It was made clear that freshman competition now is at an end. however, in a second resolution as follows:

"Resolved, that in the judgment of the conference, the emergency during which, by the resolution of Sept. 26, its activities were suspended, has now passed; and be it further

"Resolved, that in accordance with the provisions of the said resolution, the regulations of the conference now are in effect."

The two clauses put athletics in the conference back on the same basis as that before the universities were taken over as Student Army Training Corps.

The annual election of the I.C.A.A. faculty committee, had the following result: Prof. G. A. Goodenough, University of Illinois, was chosen president, and Prof. J. F. A. Pyre, University of Wisconsin, was re-elected secretary. President Goodenough was named as delegate to represent the I.C.A.A. at the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in New York, Dec. 27. If unable to attend, he was authorized to appoint his own alternate.

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